

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/28/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-14 and 32-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 24-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to claims 7, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "receiving the announcements at an Internet Protocol address and port different from an expected announcement Internet Protocol address and port", as recited in the claims.

Referring to claim 24, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "wherein the first location comprises a first network address and port, the method further comprising receiving the announcements at a second network address and port different from the first network address and port", as recited in the claims.

Referring to claim 25, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "wherein receiving the one or more special indications at the first location comprises receiving the one or more special indications at a network address and port", as recited in the claims.

Referring to claim 26, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "wherein the first location comprises a

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first network address and port and the second location comprises a second, different network address and port", as recited in the claims.

Referring to claim 27, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "wherein receiving the predetermined indication at the first location comprises receiving the predetermined indication at a first network address and port, and wherein identifying the location of the announcement comprises identifying a second, different network address and port", as recited in the claims.

Referring to claim 28, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the combined elements/steps including, "wherein transmitting the predetermined indication to the first location comprises transmitting the predetermined indication to a first network address and port", as recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

In regards to claims 7 and 24-28, only the ATVEF specifies receiving an announcement at a specific Internet Protocol address and port, but only for the currently tuned television channel. Therefore, by using a different IP address and port (which is not supported by the ATVEF specification) to receive announcements, additional data for the currently tuned TV program can be accessed from additional television channels. Furthermore, the ATVEF specification only teaches receiving announcements at an IP

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address and port, not the special indication/predetermined indications, which direct a receiver to other channels to receive announcements related to the currently tuned television channel.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P. Salce whose telephone number is (571) 272-7301. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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